

January 24, 2001

The Santa Rosa County Stormwater Task Force met on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Geoffrey Maddux, Jack Sanborn, Karla Cook, Kathi Martin, Debbie Dawsey, Vernon Compton, Alan Miller, Steve Duncan, John Harper and Wayne Newsome. Dr. Joe Lepo, Hunter Walker, County Administrator, and Roger Blaylock, County Engineer, were also present. Chairman Maddux called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Duncan moved approval of December 18, 2000 minutes, which was seconded by Sanborn and carried by unanimous vote.

The board engaged in a roundtable discussion and decided to merge Newsome's memorandum into Sisskin's outline. The board suggested having five outlining categories incorporating Newsome's memorandum item numbers as categorized below:

MASTER PLAN

1. Adopt levels of service for stormwater quantity and quality. In other words, the County should identify clear and attainable objectives and identify how progress toward attainment of those goals will be measured.
3. Identify and monitor stormwater runoff from high-risk (high hazard potential) industries that are not currently covered by a separate stormwater NPDES permit.
4. Prepare a county-wide stormwater management plan, that incorporates basin-specific master plans.
5. Concurrent with development of the basin-specific master plans, there should be estimates of expenditure necessary to implement measures identified in the master plan, along with identification of potential funding sources and the revenue potential of each.
10. Establish a county-wide wetland mapping program that includes an assessment of the quality of each wetland as it relates to potential water quality benefit, potential habitat, etc.
11. Develop a program to identify non-stormwater discharges to the County storm sewer system and adopt measures that will provide legal authority to prohibit those discharges and punish offenders.

The board agreed the objectives were funding, finding problem areas and mapping outfalls.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

6. Develop a program to minimize the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers as part of the County's overall maintenance plan.
8. Establish a stormwater citizens advisory council who will be responsible for educating the public regarding stormwater.

The board agreed the objective is quality literature. The board discussed receiving help from Extension Services, the Conservation District, 4H Club and the University of Florida.

NEW CONSTRUCTION/LDC

2. Control stormwater runoff (including an effective sediment and erosion control program) for new development.
9. Develop incentives for tree preservation and encourage green space, regardless of zoning or use of the property.

The board discussed design flexibility, control of stormwater runoff vegetative barriers and tree ordinances. The board suggested strengthening recommendations to developers.

RETROFITTING

7. Develop procedures for maintenance of roads that will minimize erosion potential and the transport of sediments into adjacent water bodies and wetlands.
12. The County should adopt incentives for those existing residences and businesses whose properties immediately adjoin water bodies to encourage participating in a program to restore the riparian shoreline, and provide treatment of stormwater from lawns, etc, and encourage alternate vegetative plantings of native species, minimizing or eliminating the use of fertilizers for lawns, etc. For new development, provide for buffers immediately adjacent to water bodies.

The board agreed Public Works would deal with these issues.

AGRICULTURE

6. Develop a program to minimize the use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers as part of the County's overall maintenance plan.

Discussion took place among board members concerning BMPs. The board agreed that BMPs could be subheadings under each category.

Discussions also took place with concerns of isolated wetlands and how surrounding counties and states are dealing with water quality.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.